(c) the reasons for delay; and

(d) by when it is likely to go round the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) 'Vigyan Rail' Science Exhibition Train — a project of the Department of Science & Technology — has already started on 15th December, 2003 on its journey of about eight months in the country.

(b) The said Exhibition train consists of 12 Exhibition Coaches highlighting various scientific, technological & industrial achievements.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Loans by KRCL

1963. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) outstanding loans owned by the Konkan Railway Corporation as on date;

(b) list of loans for which the Central Government or its Ministries have offered guarantees, or letters of comfort or similar assurances under whatsoever terms;

(c) total expenditure, so far, on the Konkan Railway project;

(d) cost estimate of setting up the railway project, at its launch; and

(e) whether the plans for running this project on a build-operate-transfer basis still seem viable, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) Rs. 4635.27 crores. Out of this Rs. 1958.90 crores is the loan from Ministry of Railways and Rs. 2676.37 crores is market borrowings in the form of bonds.

(b) A Statement is enclosed (*See* below).

(c) Rs. 3531 crores as on 31.3.2003.

(d) The initial estimate at the time of launch of Konkan Railway was Rs. 1043 crores excluding financing cost.

(e) The viability of infrastructure project like Railways has to be seen over a period of 20-30 years as it takes time for the revenues to materialise after giving the necessary fillip to economic development. Konkan Railway, in its first five years of operation has increased its revenues by almost 25% every year.

Statement

Details of loans for which Central Govt. have offered guarantees

Letters of Comfort have been issued for bonds worth Rs. 2065.69 crores and Government Guarantee for issue of bonds worth Rs. 253.0 crores has been issued. The list of the bonds for which Letters of Comfort/ Government Guarantees have been issued is as under :

	Particulars	As on 30th Sep. 2003	Remarks
1	BONDS		
A.	**PUBLIC ISSUE 2A SERIES** 10.5% secured, non-cumulative, non-convertible tax-free bonds of Rs. 1000 each redeemable on 01.03.2004	Value in Rs. 2,289,426,000	LETTER OF COMFORT
B.	**PUBLIC ISSUE 6B SERIES** 10.5% secured, non-cumulative, non-convertible taxfree bonds of Rs. 1000 each issued at 5% discount redeemable at par on 09.01.2007	1,973,151,000	LETTER OF COMFORT
C.	**PRIVATE PLACEMENT**		
	10.5% redeemable, non-cumulative-non-convertible bonds of Rs. 1000 each issued at par.		
1	1407000 bonds of series 2B redeemable on 31.03.2004	1,407,000,000	LETTER OF COMFORT
2	7148000 bonds of series 2C redeemable on 05.05.2004	714,800,000	LETTER OF COMFORT
3	1366500 bonds of series 2D redeemable on 01.08.2004	1,366,500,000	LETTER OF COMFORT
4	2761000 bonds of series 3A redeemable on 25.08.2004 to 22.09.2004	2,761,000,000	LETTER OF COMFORT

	Particulars	As on 30th Sep. 2003	Remarks
5	750000 bonds of series 4C redeemable on 18.04.2005 to 05.07.2005	750,000,000	LETTER OF COMFORT
6	8.75% Taxfree 420000 bonds of series 5A redeemable on 05.08.2005	420,000,000	LETTER OF COMFORT
7	8.75% Taxfree 150000 bonds of 5B-I series redeemable on 11.10.2005	150,000,000	LETTER OF COMFORT
8	9% Taxfree 50000 bonds of 5B-II series redeemable on 11.10.2005	50,000,00	LETTER OF COMFORT
9	8.25% Taxfree 133000 bonds of 5C-I series redeemable on 30.03.2006	133,000,000	LETTER OF COMFORT
10	8.95% Taxfree 299500 bonds of 5C-II series redeemable on 30.03.2006	299,500,000	LETTER OF COMFORT
11.	6.65% Taxfree 11,40,000 bonds of 7A series redeemable on 01.12.2007	1,140,000,000	GOVT. GUARANTEE
12.	9.25% 17,650 Infrastructure bounds 7B series issued at 5% discount redeemable on 25.12.2004	1,765,000,000	LETTER OF COMFORT
13.	10.15% 6000 Tax free bonds 8C series of Rs. 1 Lakh each redeemable on 29.01.2006	600,000,000	LETTER OF COMFORT
14.	12.36% 25000 taxable bonds of Rs. 1000 each 9A-I series redeemable on 01.10.2005 series redeemable on 01.10.2005	25,000,00	LETTER OF COMFORT
15.	12.52% 1972563 taxable bonds of Rs. 1000 each 9A-II series redeemable on 01.10.2006	1,972,563,000	LETTER OF COMFORT
16.	8.55% 10000 taxfree bonds of Rs. 1 Lakh each 9B series redeemable on 06.01.2010	1,000,000,000	LETTER OF COMFORT
17.	6.65% 3100 taxable bonds of Rs. 1 lakh each 10A-I series redeemable from 26.06.2010 to 28.06.2010	310,000,000	GOVT. GUARANTEE
18.	11.20% 8876 taxable bonds of Rs. 1 lakh each 10 A-II series redeemable from 13.06.2005 to 30.06.2005	887,600,000	LETTER OF COMFORT

	Particulars	As on 30th Sep. 2003	Remarks
19.	8.77% 7000 taxfree bonds of Rs. 1 lakh each 10 B series redeemable from 28.06.2005 to 19.07.2005	700,000,000	LETTER OF COMFORT
20.	7,25% 8000 taxable bonds of Rs. 1 lakh each 10 E- II series redeemable on 08.11.2009	800,000,000	GOVT. GUARANTEE
21.	6.65% 2000 taxable bonds of Rs. 1 lakh each 10 E-III series redeemable on 01.05.2013	200,000,000	GOVT. GUARANTEE
22.	6.65% 800 taxable bonds of Rs. 1 lakh each 10 E-IV series redeemable on 01.05.2013	80,000,00	GOVT. GUARANTEE
23.	11% 6674 taxable bonds of Rs. 1 lakh each 10 H-II series redeemable on 09.01.2006	667,4000,000	LETTER OF COMFORT
24.	11.10% taxable bonds of Rs. 1 lakh each 10 - I series redeemable on 15.02.2006	10,000,00	LETTER OF COMFORT
25.	5.75% 500 taxable bonds of Rs. 1 lakh each 11 A-I series redeemable on 31.07.2015	50,000,00	LETTER OF COMFORT
26.	6.00% 1900 taxable bonds of Rs. 1 lakh each 11 A- II series redeemable on 31.07.2015	190,000,000	LETTER OF COMFORT
27.	6.40% 4760 taxable bonds of Rs. 1 lakh each 11 A-IIV series redeemable on 31.07.2015	475,000,000	LETTER OF COMFORT
	TOTAL O/S LOANS AS ON 30/09/03	23,186,940,000	

Concessions on travels

1964. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the celebrations of 50th birth anniversary of Mata Amirtanandamayi, recently held in Cochin, Kerala;